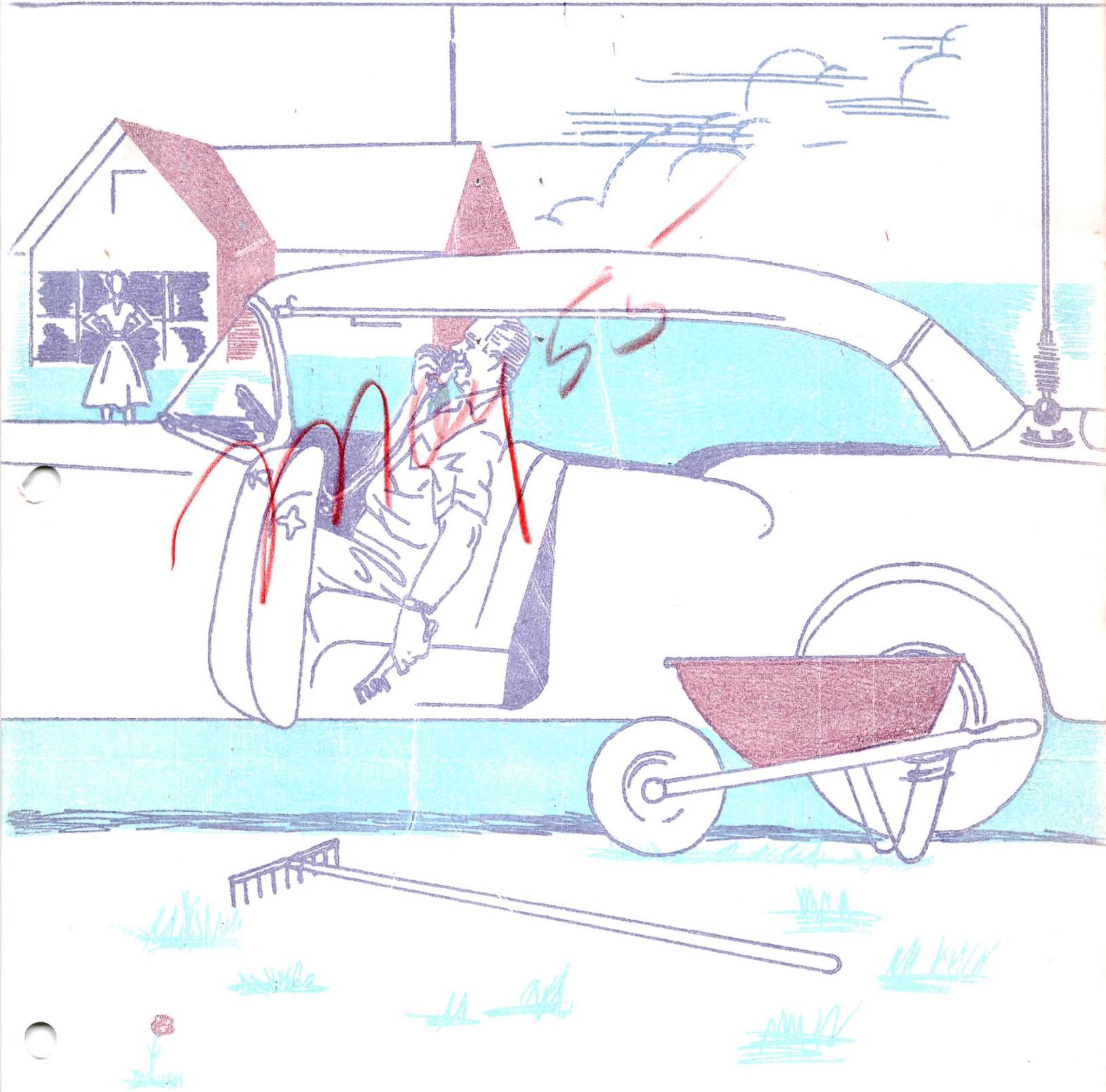


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NEXT MEETING - Cassidy School, between 65th & 66th on Lansdowne, West Phila.

DATE - First Monday of the Month, May 1, 1955 at 8 p.m. sharp.

REFRESHMENTS - Prizes donated by: Radio Electric Service Co. of Phila.
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PROGRAM - To be announced.

VISITORS TO THE LAST MEETING - WN3BER, Geo. Geyer, WN3ALN, W3OJE, W3ITZ.

NEW MEMBERS - W3BGR Wally, L.W. Blakslee Jr. is from Wawa, Pa. where they make that good milk. He works for Atlantic Refining and is on all bands at home. He is on 10m in the car. W3OJE Robert Brunner - Bob, lives in N. Wales is on all bands at home and has 10m and 2m in the car. W3WVT Jim - J.F. Doyle lives in Upper Darby and works all bands at home.

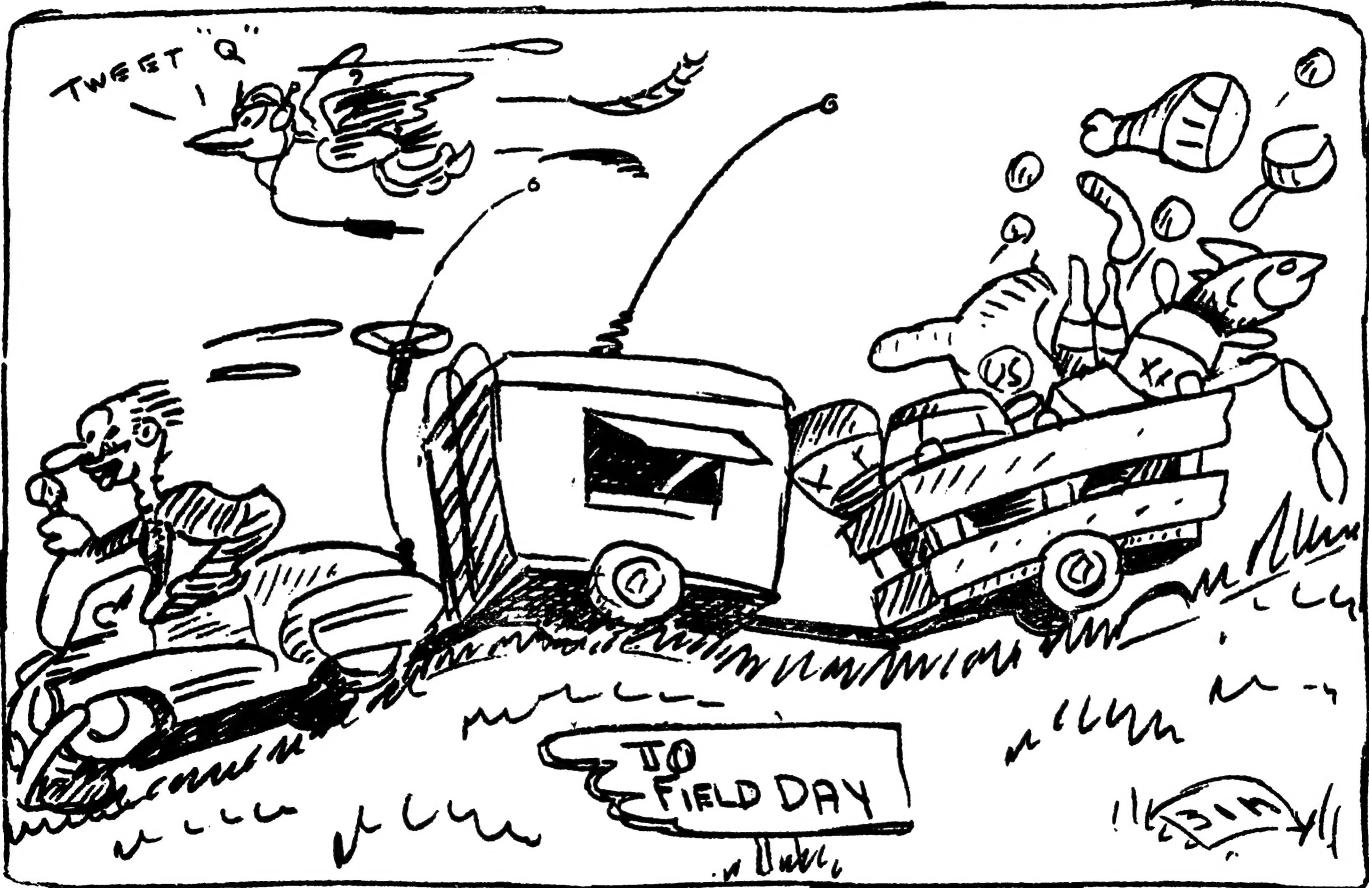
ON THE PRESIDENT ----- "No club can be any more active than its individual members. You have probably noticed the great number of activities that we, as a club, enjoy. Have you, however, seen which individuals take part? Are you among them? Some have said that it is the same group of "old stand-by's" that take part in every activity and it is this group which is keeping the club alive and growing. This may even be true! At our regular meetings, mid-month meetings, committee gatherings, parades, picnics, field day, net drills, civic events you can count on a good-sized group of staunch supporters for regular attendance. --- Those who attend these functions do so, not as a result of any feeling of duty, but because of the fun and fellowship they expect, and usually do enjoy. The programs are designed to attract all yet we are failing in some respects. We have purposely limited our membership to 100 members, not to preserve a clique but to prevent one, and so that we could have the chance to get to know each other personally. --- How many members are strangers to you? Have you made yourself known to them? Let's all spend a little more time trying to get to know the "stranger" for if we do we'll probably find him in our midst more often. --- And those of you who haven't joined us in our many activities, why not give it a whirl and see why so many "old standby's" keep coming back for more. I think you'll find that it's because they are enjoying what they're doing. Maybe you would, too." W3NIP

THE LATEST SCOOP - Credit is given to W3SAI, John, for the choice bits in the form of letters about Nallyes etc last month. We had many fine comments about your bit of prose John, how about some more. If we have it straight John is the former Humor Editor for a college paper - it sticks out all over hi. Thanks muchly.

- W3WNC our chief auctioneer is planning an auction along about in September so we up all your gear for the big event.

We are very sorry to hear of the sudden death of W3AAG's son Merrill. Our sympathy is with you Dick.

IT WON'T BE LONG NOW GANG



WG, W3D\$G, W3VXN are coordinating the next rig hunt. --- Spence brought out the trailer for demonstration and show at the last meeting - a fine job was sure done. New windows, paint job, console. Spence wants to sell the NC-57 and get a BC series receiver. ED has one to loan until a decent purchase can be made. Who has a BC-312, BC-342 or BC-348 for sale at a nominal price for the Club Trailer? --- W3ADF was appointed chief in charge of the Incorporation Committee. Bill defers it until the license Bill gets worked over- rumors have it the bill stands a pretty good chance of making it. --- W3D\$G reports the treasury to have reached an all time high- well past the mid 3 figures. --- Ernie suggested we really put on a spread at the annual banquet this year and coming from him it is very profound. ED goes one step further and suggest we ear mark the funds for same. --- W3YJM was voted to the order of the Itching Stitch and is up and making time about the countryside. --- W3QQH- W3QooQoo Happy was stuck with the Radio Officers job for the mobiles of the Eastern Area. --- W3VVS arranged the purchase of a new power duplicator for this here rag, he is in sad need of encouragement from W3IW. --- W3IVG is in charge of the Yardley Civic Parade April 30, 1955. All those participating, should get there before 12 noon if at all possible. It starts at 2pm. --- W3KCG, a new member, decided to join the club when he heard beer was served at the parades. --- W3UMK took the big step March 26th when he married Catherine Evans. They are living on Sassafras Hill according to reports. --- Has anyone seen W3DFJ's license number on his new Ford? --- Money has been allocated for a documentary film of the Amateur Radio activities of the club. Cost of materials for black and white is \$115 and Color about twice as much. ED is trying his best to prevail on the committee to spend the extra. The difference in ED's opinion is 1955 versus 1930. Those of you favor of black and white should have seen the historical presentations, in color, of Amatcur Radio by the Rochester New York Radio Club at Old Timers Nite in Trenton. Black and white is only a poor substitute. There are two question-

stake - 1. The technical work involved in making the film. 2. The cost. If the technical problems are excessive ED will keep quiet. If cost is the only factor the club is making a sad mistake. We already had one offer to defray half the cost of the color. Don't be led into thinking TV is the only show we are making it. The Old Timers Nite presentation stands on its own feet. The Historical show titled "Thirty Years of Amateur Radio" has been shown in every large gathering of hams in the USA including the West Coast, Chicago and the East, let us not be short sighted fellows. Since we are on the subject of the Old Timers Nite-Attendance looked as if it was pushing 400. You can be proud of your club showing. We walked off with the prize for the largest club attendance. 25 fellows 25% of the membership showed up. We made off with 6 drawing prizes. W3MVG absconded with a nice desk mike, W3IW a 2E26, W3QZ0 a 100kc rock, ED won a \$10 certificate for Telerex equipment. The club made off with a nice clock for the trailer and if QooQooHappy doesn't put it there he is going to get all the air let out of his tires. A good time was had by all with a fine dinner and a lot of interesting gas. Ed Raser W2ZI is to be congratulated for his efforts in putting across the show.

--- We are indebted to Jim Barber for the nice front sheet on the blurb. Jim is a prospective ham and a commercial artist in his own business. The fellow sitting in the car is Chuck, Bob, Hy, Bill, Al, Carl, Doc and the scenery very appropriate to the season. It is unfortunate we waste such fine carfooning and display talent from our 3 carfoonists on a ditto printing machine. Some Day!! --- The boys were complaining about their motley assortment of modulations. Truth is W3NIP was dollarizing down a rain barrel, W3IW a waste basket, and W3UVL a thunder mug. Heising had nothing on Russ. --- W3IW is very pleased with his Viking Ranger performance. --- W3FPP is in Denver, Colorado for 3 months on a vacation. --- The mob with multiband rigs must turn in contacts from every band for FD or get their dues doubled for next year HI. --- W3QZ0 is right on the ball again this year. Plans are well under way - separate announcements are attached to the blurb from here on in. --- W3VCY signed up with Uncle for Pig Boat Service. --- Steve W3UEC won first prize at the Delaware Valley Science Fair sponsored by the Inquirer.

A speaker at Old Timers Nite said the ARRL represents about 41% of the hams as compared to the various professional societies representing engineers at about 30%. ARRL is going to have their percentage reduced by an amount approximating the magnitude of the Phil-Mont Mobile Club if they don't get with a little better reporting job. The boys have been steamed up over the lack of adequate mention in QST. We can't even get recognition for the new officers once a year.

W3IronTinZinc showed for the last meeting - Glad to have you back Bill. --- W3VVS finally got that cement poured on the back porch - W3QQH supervised. Paul is building a new modulator and expects to be on 160 fone soon. --- K2BWG, an old hand at the game, made off with the South Jersey rig hunt Sunday April 3, 1955. This occurred in spite of the navigator W3SAI who was assisted by Larry and Bob Muroff. --- W3QZ0 is constructing a crystal controlled transmitter- the thing weighs 3 oz. The stabilizer for the crystal weights 10 pounds. --- W3KHF can't work W6's so he traveled by way of the air ways to W6 land to QSO. --- W3SGR had cards printed up which say "You were heard on-when in the Phila area. Get on 29.493 mc. the PMRC frequency . We monitor this freq". Carl would like to have you fellows give him calls who will receive this card. The card will be very effective when short skip and the band opens up. The object is to encourage out of town listening on the frequency and also to promote respect in the use of the freq. Carl had the cards printed at his own expense and will mail them likewise. A fine idea and gesture such as this commands your cooperation. All Carl wants from you fellers, who keep the freq. hot, is to receive the out of town calls you hear. Get them to him any way you can - on the air, land line, at the meetings, carrier pigeon or thunder-logging. Comes the day the skip opens up you will wish you had. Maybe a good way

organize this activity is to place it on the regular or mid-month meeting docket. We brought out about 250 to the Old Timers Nite and they were put in front of various place settings at the dinner tables. Special care was taken to see that each one of the South Jersey Radio Club group had one at their places - Hi. The Speakers table was well distributed too. It is too bad the South Jersey gang is a Mobile group - we would really give them a hard time. We do anyhow if the truth were known. --- The Blurb's staff's battery is all charged up again for the next year - We sent out 'Roses' to Andy W3NL on the fine job he was doing on the "Autocall" and received 'Orchids' in return. We take the liberty of reprinting from the Washington Mobile Radio Club Paper: "WLCPUM, from the TVI RETREAT, Phila. One of the Club newspapers with which we swap subscriptions is the "Blurb", otherwise known as the TVI Retreat of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club of Philadelphia. It is a very FB paper and we appreciate the swap very much. --- This Editor reads the "Blurb" with a great deal of envy, wondering what sort of an intelligence system the Editor, W3PXY, uses to get all that news, the likes of which we'd like to print in our paper (instead of poems). Maybe he'll slip us the info. --- There is one thing in the last issue of the "Blurb" we feel we'd like to challenge a bit. It says, "From here on in ED is going to plug Phil-Mont as the World's Largest Club of Paid Up Members (WLCPUM) and he doesn't expect much competition at least from the Eastern Seaboard -----" Well, here's competition. At the last count we had 117 paid-up members. Phil-Mont limits their membership to 100 so we are challenging to statement. It is true that we have a number of members who have moved from Washington and cannot attend meetings but even not counting these, the number is still above 100. --- When it comes to active members, we might better keep our mouth shut. In our Club, a member is dropped the instant his dues lapse - no period of grace is allowed. A member is dropped from the active list unless he has participated in a regularly scheduled activity of the Club within the past three months. There are three activities at which he can qualify -- the regular meeting, the on-the-air meeting and the Traffic-Manager's regular monthly activity. At the last meeting, the count showed 71 active members. There are no members with dues due. --- Anyh-o-o-c, we're not trying to start an argument (matter of fact we won't argue). We just envy that Editor so much that we've got to have something to gripe about. He's got some darn good artists too, judging from the art work. Move to Washington, will ya George?"

It is appropriate to say the Editor of "The Blurb" has less than 10% of the work connected with this periodical. If it were not for the fine support by the staff and the members, Andy W3NL might be sending us "dandylions" instead of 'Orchids'. "There are a few secrets tho Andy (1) Don't burden yourself with the facts. (2) There is more baloney manufactured in Philadelphia than any place in the world. "We must bow to the 'gas' from Washington however" Hi. --- Same subject - different object - We have scheduled a picnic for July 10th with a rain date a week later. The Washington Mobile Radio Club has been interested in hooking up with us for some time. Seems like it would be right fun to meet them for an outing, blarney session and picnic etc about half way between here and there which would make it somewhere this side of Baltimore or the Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake. Who in the club is familiar with the general area to give information as to the parks available, swimming holes etc. Let's see what we can work up at the next meeting. If the interclub picnic can not be promoted we will have our outing at French Creek Park same as last year. Some one suggested a rig hunt then, some one else suggested a prize should be given for finding the place hi. --- W3HFD had the last Mid-Month meeting - what a fine lashup Frank has. W3NIP took the usual route and clocked 33 miles, W3QZ0 ~~on~~ the Turnpike and clocked 43 miles. "It's ~~far~~ier on the nerves says Bob" "It costs \$.60 and ten miles says Chuck." The moral to the story is "there were 3 men in the boat and the oars leaked". W3NIP

ers rumors that Allen-Bradley in Milwaukee has a new 27" Oscilloscope with synchronized sweep out to 100 mags, custom built. Some one is pulling his leg says e. --- W3IVG says it would be nice if you characters would wash your cars for the Yardley Parade on April 30th. W3VXN and W3VCY are to make film and sound recordings the parade for the club film. W3QooQooHappy has a new call W3Baloney Bull and More Bull. --- K2EWG - wants the story about the Gonset for sale? Try an antenna next time. --- W3IRS is working up a roster to include all the members wives and girl friends. --- CW was voted as the most primitive means of communication since smoke signals. --- Adele, Mrs. W3CUB, was voted as the Betsy Ross of the club - we will let you break the news to her Bill. Bill had some interesting credentials at the Old Timers Banquet - on June 8, 1917 he received from Dept. of Commerce a request to take schooling in wireless evening hours from 9pm to 10pm. His call then was W3WB. His license Serial No. 10870 (First Grade) you can't hardly get that no more - authorized him to work 169 meters with an inverted L antenna. --- The annual motorcycle race is scheduled for Sunday the 30th. Nothing like everything happening all on the same day - This weekend kicks off the summer season activities with a bang and ED is going to make sure he gets a 19th hole assignment at the golf matches this year. W3QOH is going to have to find another beer barrel to hide behind. Some professionals are going to move in on his territory - how about it Bruce? --- Note from the Associate Editor -- We at the Printing Dept. take exception to the unkind words about CW. You might--? be able to get that kind of a rig on the air George-hi. --- For those of you who were unable to attend the color TV show at W3QZO's on April 14, we would like to report that it's real good - no kidding. As far as your reporter is concerned he is going to get one - when the price comes down a bit more hi. It was a most interesting show and we are all indebted to Bob for his generosity.

LATE NEWS FLASH

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We received word tonight via our 10 meter circuit and confirmed it by The Evening Bulletin teletype system that HB 561 - The License Plate Bill - was passed unanimously (48 to 0) by the Pennsylvania Senate this afternoon. - It now goes to Governor Leader for his signature. The bill was passed in its original form and means that if signed by Governor Leader we can pay a \$3.00 fee above the usual cost of plates and our call letters will be issued in lieu of the usual registration number, next year.

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1955 FIELD DAY JUNE 25 and 26

Like the man sez, "... and awa-a-a-ay we go!". If the present interest in Field Day is any indication of the support the Club can expect on June 25th and 26th we should have an even more bang-up time than last year. Plans are pretty well crystalized, and this is the way things shape up at present.

After much discussion, kidding around, blind alliys, and plain lack of time, it was decided to hold this year's blow-out (accent on BLOW) at Fairview, where we were last year. For the new members who may be interested, Fairview is a high spot near Norristown. We have word that this year the owners will cut the grass for us. Also, the rabbits and gophers in the area have been instructed to fill their holes so W3IW won't sprain his pinky again. Just to be on the safe side we are going to be insured to the hilt. If you have been having trouble with a sore arm or leg come on out on FD and break it right. Seriously though, we could get into a lot of trouble if someone was injured and the insurance idea is a good one.

Since our weather luck can't possibly last two years in a row the antenna masts will be erected the week before, or possibly some evening before the contest. W3CNO is supplying some sky towers and of course W3SGR will be on hand with his one man pretzel! Frenchy comes thru on the shelter problem again with more tents like we had before

We are in the three transmitter classification again. There will be two Viking II transmitters. It seems to pay off using high power in spite ~~time~~ of the slight multiplier loss. One Viking will be used on 80/75 at all times while the other is being used on 40. If we run out of CW operators, the 40M rig will go on phone on 40 or 15. Several fellows have offered the use of their 2M Gonset Communicators and of course the trailer rig will be operating ten as last year. It will probably be on almost continuously to handle traffic. Receivers will be HQ-129X's. The proposed 80M antenna is W3NIP's folded dipole with spliced lead-in. To make operation on 40 and 15 possible we will use a 67 foot wire fed with 300 ohm line from a Matchbox. If weather and energy permit there will be a hand rotated 2M beam erected.

Since we are a mobile club, several of the boys have suggested that we enter the Club-Aggregate Mobile event. Under the ARRL rules for FD, any club may submit the combined scores of all its members who operated mobile during the contest. This gives us a great opportunity to show our stuff. If you run under 30 watts in your mobile you get a multiplier of 13.5 so it's easy to see how a big score can be run up, especially by the multi-band boys. It should be easy to get thirty or forty contacts in an hour or two and in addition, if you originate a FD message, you get an additional 25 points that is multiplied by 13.5. Next month there will be a sample message form in the Blurb showing what info must be included in your message. In order to stimulate interest in individual mobile operation during the contest there will be a Club prize of \$\$\$\$5.00 awarded to the operator submitting the log with the highest score. (Yes, you have to keep a log.)

As done last year, a sked sheet will be passed around at the meetings. If you would like to assist in any way, sign up for the time you think you might be available. Even if you are not sure if you can make it, sign up, because it will be a useful guide for additional planning. More info next month.